

Services

Illinois Waste Management and Research Center

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The Waste Management and Research Center serves the citizens of Illinois by covering a broad spectrum of waste-related needs. Services include answering requests for information from the general public, providing technical assistance to business and industry, and providing laboratory facilities for academic and industry researchers. WMRC's staff apply their expertise, knowledge, and dedication toward ensuring that pollution prevention and hazardous waste research and information are accessible.

Pollution prevention, household hazardous waste, waste paint, and responsible property transfer are just some of the topic areas on which WMRC can provide information. The list below details services any Illinois citizen, whether an individual, a small business, or large corporation, may request of WMRC.

Information Services

- hazardous waste and pollution prevention reports, factsheets, and brochures
- literature searches of WMRC's in-house library and article citation databases
- current information on locations, quantities, properties, and components of hazardous materials and waste management facilities through use of computer databases
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)—landfill inventory
- responsible property transfer information

Pollution Prevention

- work with industrial facilities to develop an action plan for incorporating pollution prevention into the company's way of doing business
- evaluate equipment and techniques as applied to pollution prevention in specific industrial processes
- provide technical information to companies so that they can evaluate modifying their waste generating processes in-house vs. using a vendor
- provide funding for technology demonstration projects
- train facility staff in pollution prevention concepts and techniques
- provide regulatory information and referrals to appropriate sources for assistance
- make presentations to industry explaining how to develop a pollution prevention program
- provide public speakers for workshops, seminars, and conferences

Research

- identify issues and initiate appropriate research
- fund research on waste management issues
- provide financial and technical support for scientists whose research efforts address important waste management issues in Illinois
- support legislatively mandated studies

Laboratory

- laboratory facilities for academic researchers, industrial clients, and federal agencies
- analytical support for research projects
- analytical methods development
- laboratory characterization of chemical waste samples